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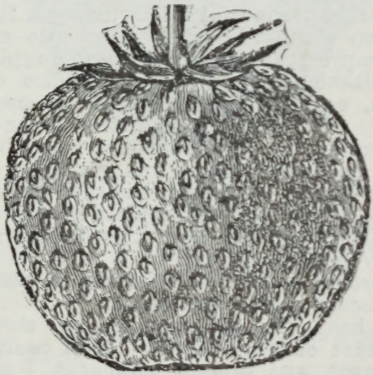
Perdue's Best Quality

STRAWBERRY PLANTS



GROWN AT

PERDUE'S STRAWBERRY PLANT FARM

C. S. PERDUE, Proprietor

SHOWELL, - MARYLAND

1924 To My Friends and Customers 1924

I wish to thank you one and all for your patronage and I am pleased to present you my 1924 Catalog of strawberry plants. I have been in the business all my life, making a specialty of growing and shipping strawberry plants, having grown and shipped many millions of them to my customers for which I am very grateful. I have several millions "Perdues Best Quality Strawberry Plants" grown here on my farms, under my own personal supervision, to offer the spring trade of 1924 including a list of thirteen standard varieties, true to name. I make prompt shipment of fresh dug plants, well cleaned up and tied in bundles of 25 plants, each properly labeled and packed; so they will reach my customers in the very best condition. You cannot get any better stock, no matter where you get them.

My plants are large, healthy, and well-rooted. Note the testimonials in this catalog. Most growers find strawberries to be a very profitable crop.

I would advise all who can to set out strawberry plants this season.

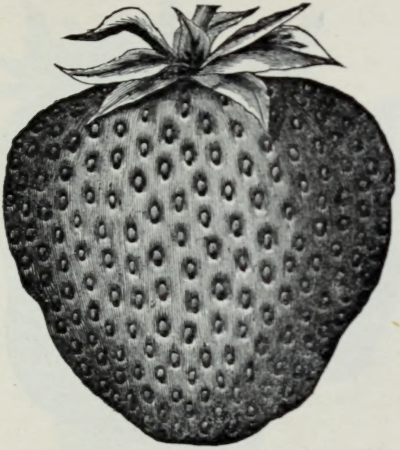
I have the organization and stock to take care of your orders. With courteous treatment and prompt shipment I solicit your orders again this season for strawberry plants, and hoping to be favored

I am very respectfully,

C. S. PERDUE.

NOTE:—I grow all the varieties listed in this catalog and I give my personal attention to the digging, filling and shipping of all orders sent to me.

I grow Cowpeas, if interested, write for prices on the seed. C. S. P.



CAMPBELL'S EARLY (extra early) Claimed to be the earliest variety also a very strong grower of plants that produce a large crop of good size, highly colored berries of excellent quality.

Madison Co., N. Y., April 23, 1922

Dear Sir:—

The plants I received from you last year were splendid. I never saw nicer plants so I am sending you my order again this year.

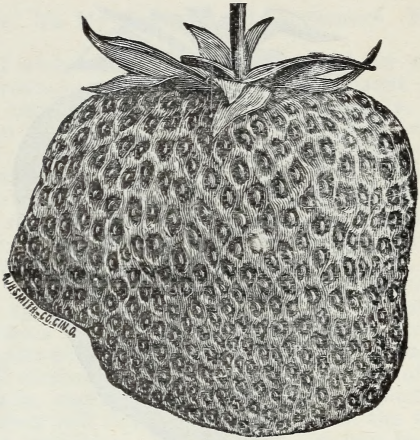
Lundy J. VanDyke.

Augusta Co., Va., March 3, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Find enclosed order for strawberry plants. The plants I got from you last spring were very fine; they certainly did have nice roots. I have never seen better.

Carl Fultz.



LUPTON (Late). Is a vigorous grower and produces healthy foliage. The berries are large size with a green cap, bright red in color which makes them very attractive. Claimed by some growers to be better than the well known Chesapeake variety.

Mercer Co., N. J., April 26, 1923

Dear Sir:—

I received my strawberry plants in excellent condition and am pleased with them. Thank you for your promptness.

William C. Forman.

Loudean Co., Va., April 24, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Both lots of strawberry plants received in splendid shape. I never saw finer plants from anywhere. Thank you for liberal count and promptness in shipping.

J. B. Milbourne.

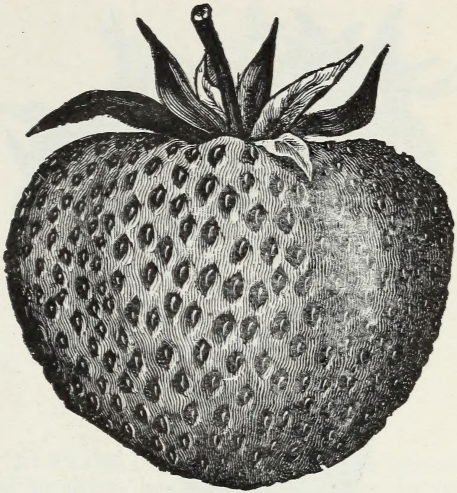
SEN. DUNLAP (Early). They are inclined to make too many plants for a good fruiting bed, that is where extra large size berries are wanted. Will succeed on most all types of soil. The berries are medium size, dark red color, excellent flavor.

Somerset Co., N. J., April 30, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Received the strawberry plants O. K. and they are fine plants.

W. R. Towle.



NICK OHMER (Mid-season). Makes enough vigorous and healthy plants for a good crop of fancy bright red berries of excellent flavor and fine quality. For fancy berries plant Nick Ohmer.

Virginia, April 11, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Received the 6200 strawberry plants in good condition. They are very good plants. I am enclosing check for 2500 more.

C. E. Eller.

Carroll Co., Md., April 21, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Am sending you an order for plants. Have got plants of you for years and they always have done fine.

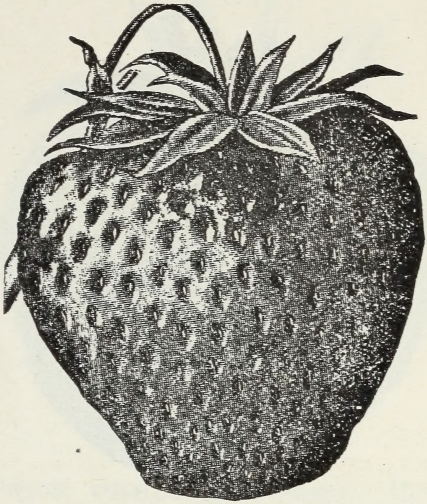
J. D. Engel.

PARSONS' BEAUTY (Mid-season). Is very productive of large size bright red berries of fine quality. Makes a good fruiting bed, plants fair size, very vigorous and healthy.

St. Clair Co., West Va., April 13, 1923
Dear Sir:—

I received my strawberry plants in fine shape and was well pleased with them. The plants was the finest ones I ever bought and the count was more than I ever bought for the same money. I will refer my neighbors to you.

Frank Smith.



PREMIER (Early). A good grower of plants that bears a very large crop of extremely large size bright red berries of excellent quality, suitable for the home garden, local market or as a shipping berry. I have a large and fine stock of Premier plants.

Note. It is claimed by some growers to be almost frost-proof.

Virginia, March 31, 1923

Dear Sir:—

I thank you for the prompt way you shipped the strawberry plants. They arrived here Wednesday the 28th, in fine condition. Whenever I want strawberry plants you will receive my order.

G. N. Huntley.

KLONDYKE (Early). A standard early berry that makes large and healthy plants which produce a good crop of large size bright red berries. A good shipping variety or for local market.

Massachusetts, April 27, 1923

Dear Sir:—Please find order for Premier strawberry plants. The plants I got from you two years ago were A No. 1.

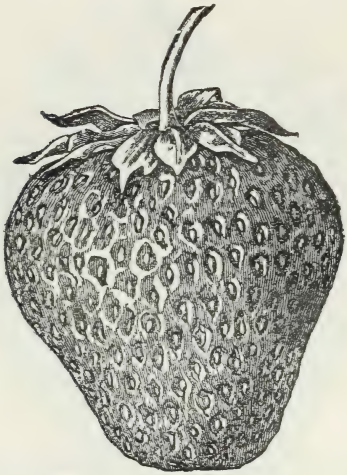
Frank E. Knowlton.

Kentucky, April 11, 1922

Dear Sir:—

I received the strawberry plants you sent. They came this morning and was in the best of shape. Am well pleased with them.

A. Shoulties.



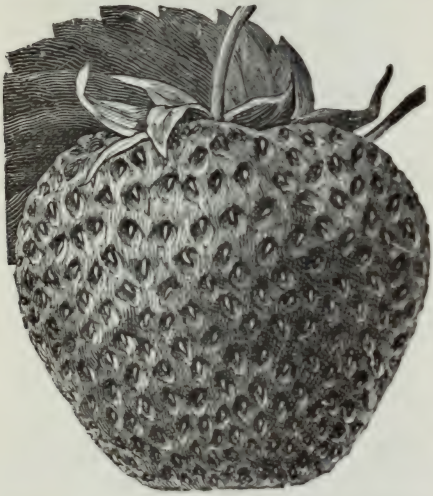
MISSIONARY (Early). This variety is extensively cultivated in most all sections of the country and is liked by the growers. A good grower of vigorous and healthy plants that bears large crops of large size bright red berries of excellent quality. A good shipping variety.

Cecil Co., Md., April 5, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Berry plants arrived in perfect shape. Plants were fine, in fact I don't see how they could have been better. Every plant will live. Count also over run. Thank you very much.

E. McGrady.



BIG JOE (Joe Johnson.) (Mid-season to late) Makes exceptionally large size very vigorous and healthy plants that bears a fine crop of very large size bright red berries of excellent flavor and quality. Note the clippings from our local paper.

"Mr. John K. Ward brought to this office Thursday afternoon a beautiful package of "Big Joe" strawberries. They were not only big but luscious—

"A quart of the biggest Big Joe berries we have ever seen were brought to this office Saturday by Mr. Turner Davis. Twenty-four berries filled a quart."

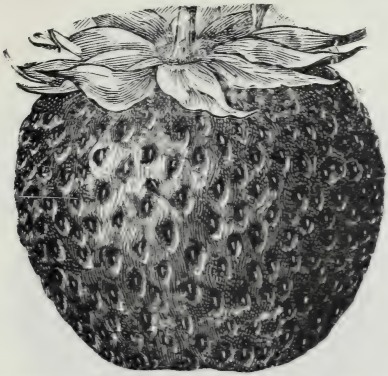
SAMPLE. Imp. (Mid-season). A strong grower of very large healthy plants making an ideal fruiting bed extremely productive of large size bright red berries of excellent quality—too soft for shipping purposes. It is an imperfect flower and will have to be fertilized with Parsons Beauty, Big Joe, or Nick Ohmer, by planting four rows of Sample and two rows of one of the kinds mentioned above through the patch.

New York, April 23, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Your shipment of strawberry plants arrived in due time and the finest I have ever received. You certainly deserve credit for the way you pack them up. They will carry for weeks in ordinary cool weather.

H. H. Berrian.



AROMA (Late). A standard late kind in some sections of the country. A good grower of plants that bears a large crop of bright red berries of good quality.

Ohio, April 13, 1923

Dear Sir:—

The plants arrived this morning. As I was in town I called and got them. Coming home I opened and unpacked them and they are O. K. I have been growing berries several years. I can recommend you to others.

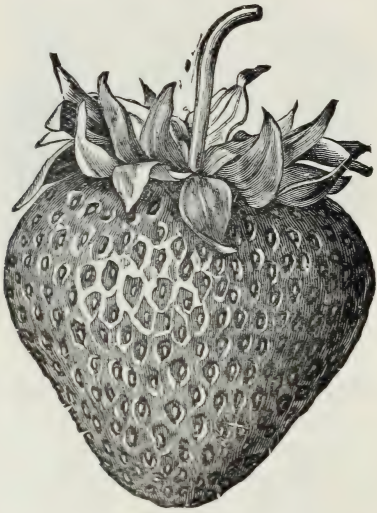
P. A. Wise.

Union Co., Ohio, March 22, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed find order for strawberry plants. I have been buying plants of you several years.

F. M. Cameron.



GANDY (Late to very late). A fine late variety that is extensively cultivated in most all sections of the country. Popular with the strawberry grower on account of it being a good plant maker, which bears a large crop of fancy berries, large size, bright red color with green caps that bring fancy prices on the markets. For late to very late berries plant Gandy.

Huntington Co., Pa., April 18, 1923.
Dear Sir:—

Your strawberry plants came through in the very best condition. They are the nicest plants I ever saw.

John M. Low.

PROGRESSIVE (Fall Bearing). This variety is depended on for the main crop of Everbearing strawberries, a genuine Fall-bearing kind and the best yet introduced. Plants are vigorous and healthy. Berries fair size, dark red color and flavor unsurpassed. The method of cultivation is the same as other varieties except the blossoms should be picked off the plants until the first of July, when they will continue to bear until freezing weather.

Lancaster Co., Pa., April 18, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Received the strawberry plants today in fine shape. They are first class.

Herman Stelman.

TESTIMONIALS

Columbia Co., Pa., May 14, 1923

Dear Sir:—

The strawberry plants we purchased from you arrived in good condition, well pleased with them.

J. W. Lutz.

Pennsylvania, April 11, 1923

Dear Sir:—

I received my plants O. K. and they were some plants. I have been growing strawberries for about 18 years and I never saw such fine rooted plants. I showed them to some very old strawberry growers and they said they never saw such fine plants. I think you will have some new customers next spring. I also will remain your customer as long as I grow berries and furthermore I don't think any body can match those plants.

Clyde Rogers.

Cumberland Co., Pa., May 22, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Wish to advise you that this season I purchased plants from eight different sources and yours were the finest of the lot. In the future you will receive all of my orders. Thanking you for the extra plants and wishing you continued success, I am.

Very truly,
Joy D. Smith.

Cumberland Co., Pa., February 17, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Plants I received from you last year did well. Enclosed find my order for more plants.

J. K. Robb.

Bucks Co., Pa., March 29, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Find enclosed order for plants. Have got plants from you for about fifteen years, found them always in good condition, true to name with good results.

C. M. Heist.

Schuykill Co., Pa., April 7, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Received my strawberry plants on the 6th and am well pleased with them.

Washington Moyer.

Pennsylvania, April 19, 1923

Dear Sir:—

The plants came last evening, just four days after the order started and the plants are the very best I ever got and the count was much in my favor. I always know in advance what to expect when ordering from C. S. P., whose honesty is always the same. I am enclosing P. O. money order to pay for the 50 "Progressive" plants and wish to thank you for your kindness in sending them without a remittance in advance. Wishing you much success, I am

Yours truly,
Cloyd E. Wolf.

Licking Co., Ohio, April 4, 1923

Dear Sir:—

Your plants arrived in fine shape and are just dandy. Many thanks for the extras I surely do appreciate them. We think your plants just as good as the much advertised Kellogs Pedigreed plants. They are the nicest we ever had from any firm and you sure know how to pack them. Hoping for your success,

Mary M. Debevoise.

PRICE LIST

BY EXPRESS OR PARCEL POST—RECEIVER TO PAY CHARGES

Variety	100	250	500	1000
Sen. Dunlap	$ .75	$1.00	$1.50	$ 2.50
Missionary	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Klondyke	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Gandy	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Parsons Beauty	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Nick Ohmer	.75	1.00	2.00	3.75
Aroma	.75	1.00	2.00	3.75
Sample (P)	.75	1.00	2.00	3.75
Premier	.75	1.00	2.00	3.75
Campbell's Early	.75	1.00	2.00	3.75
Lupton	1.00	1.50	2.50	4.75
Big Joe	1.00	1.50	2.50	4.75
Progressive (Fall-bearing)	1.25	2.75	5.50	10.00

About Shipments: Express rates on plants are 20 per cent less than merchandise rates. The best way to ship plants by mail is Parcels Post, C. O. D. for postage. If requested will ship your order the best way, in my judgement.

Be particular to say how plants are to be shipped, whether by express or parcels post. No charge for package and delivery to R. R. Company. **Write your name and address plainly and give correct shipping instructions.** I can ship to southern customers dur-

ing mild weather at any time after you receive this catalog, and I can usually ship to northern customers until the first of May. Do not order plants during the summer months. I do not grow potted plants. **Order Early.** Do not wait until you want the plants. All orders acknowledged as soon as received. **Terms.** Cash with the order. **Remit.** By Postoffice money order on **Berlin, Md.**, or Bank Draft, Check or Registered letter.

True to Name. While I exercise the greatest care to have every plant true to name, I will not be held responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock should any not prove as represented.

Claims, if any. must be made on receipt of the plants. I cannot become responsible for misfortune caused by insects, droughts, floods, etc., also for stock that is allowed to lie around your station or postoffice, or for neglect of purchaser to care for stock after it has been received. I send out only good stock in good condition and carefully packed.

Reference. Calvin B. Taylor Banking Co., Berlin, Md., Postmaster, Showell, Md., Wm. E. Thomas, Rural Carrier, Showell, Md. Be sure to enclose stamp for reply when writing my references.

A Certificate of Inspection from our State Entomologist and State Pathologist will be attached to each and every shipment of stock.

HOW I GROW STRAWBERRIES

I plow the land as early as weather conditions will permit after the first of March and mark out the rows 3½ feet apart with a potato planter which makes a list slightly above the level of the land; the plants are set out in rows about 12 to 15 inches apart. The important thing is to get your plants set with all the roots straight in the ground and soil packed firmly around the plant. I begin cultivation at once and keep plants clean of weeds and grass until late fall when I usually have a fine stand of plants. Do not use any commercial fertilizer on them until a few weeks after they are set out; I then make 2 or 3 applications at different times when plants are not wet from rain or dew by broadcasting about 500 pounds per acre of raw bone meal or any other good brand that does not contain any potash as it might injure the plants. Of course, I always grow cow peas on the land previous to planting strawberries as strawberries need a soil full of humus. Barnyard manure will also furnish the humus for them where cow peas are not grown. Most all strawberries are grown by the matted row system, that is to leave about all the runners on the parent plant to take root and make a wide row, leaving enough room in the alley between the rows for the convenience of the pickers.

Note: If commercial fertilizers are used under the plants just before they are set out it will cause the plants to perish and die. If fertilizer is used it should be broadcast on the land and thoroughly worked in the soil before the rows are made. For top-dressing the bearing beds in the spring before fruiting, a fertilizer containing 7 per cent Ammonia, 6 per cent Phosphoric Acid, 5 per cent Potash, I use with very satisfactory results at the rate of about 400 to 600 lbs. per acre. C. S. P.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm

Date of Order.....1924

C. S. PERDUE, Showell, Md.

Ship to (name) .....

Postoffice..... R F.D.....

Express Office.....State.....

County.....Amt. enclosed $.....

Ship by..... On or about.....
Mail or Express

Quantity	Variety of Plants	Price	
	Lupton		
	Premier		
	Aroma		
	Big Joe		
	Missionary		
	Klondyke		
	Nick Ohmer		
	Gandy		
	Parsons' Beauty		
	Sample		
	Senator Dunlap		
	Progressive-Fallbearing		
	Campbells Early		

NOTE.—Early in the season I usually have in stock everything listed in this catalogue but late in the season I frequently run short of some of the varieties, therefore. when you order late please state whether I shall substitute equally as good and as near like the variety as possible or return your money for any stock I may be out of. Answer.

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION, NO. 44.

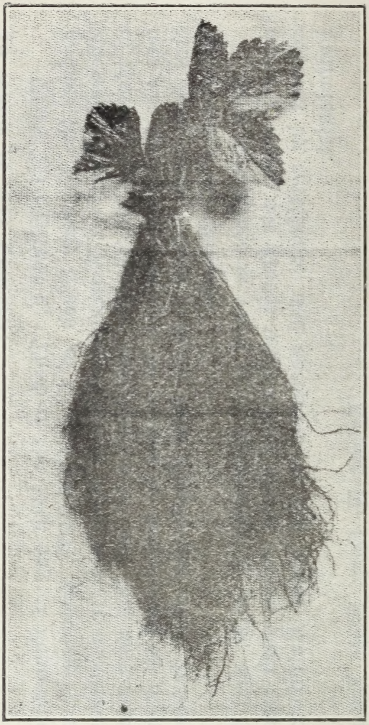
To Whom It May Concern:

THIS TO CERTIFY, That on the 12th day of September, 1923, we examined the Nursery Stock of C. S. PERDUE, growing in his nurseries at Showell, County of Worcester, State of Maryland, in accordance with the law of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is valid until September 1, 1924, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

Ernest N. Cory, State Entomologist.
C. E. Temple, State Pathologist

College Park, Md., September 14, 1923.



Showing the wonderful root system of "Perdue's Best Quality" Strawberry Plants.